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Application No. 10/057,212
Filed: January 24, 2002
Title: **"Sorbic Acid Product as Growth-stabilizing Addition to Feedstuffs
for Agricultural Livestock Rearing"**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Charlotte, North Carolina
April 25, 2002

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DE-A 197 39 319 refers to soaked salts of carbonic acids. The salt of the C1-C8 carbonic mono- or diacid is soaked with a liquid C1-C8 carbonic mono or diacid. These soaked salts may optionally be coated with water soluble polymers, organic acids like citric acid, fumaric acid, succinic acid, adipic acid, benzoic acid, sorbic acid or its salts or low melting inorganic salts.

DE-A 37 04 175 discloses preservation of animal feed with sorbic acid.

DE-A 37 01 567 discloses preservation of animal feed with sorbic acid or a sorbate and another physiologically acceptable acid like amidosulfonic acid, phosphoric acid, hydrogen sulfates, hydrogen sulfites, adipic acid, formic acid, citric acid, acetic acid and fumaric acid. Kirchgessner *et al.*, J. Anim. Physiol. a. Anim. Nutr. 74(1995), 235-242 describes the use of

sorbic acid in pig rearing. The sorbic acid concentrations used were 1.2, 1.8 and 2.4 wt.-% based on the feed stuff. Kirchgessner also reports on the use of 0.1% sorbic acid in broiler rearing.

Applicant respectfully requests that each reference be reviewed and made of reference in the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,



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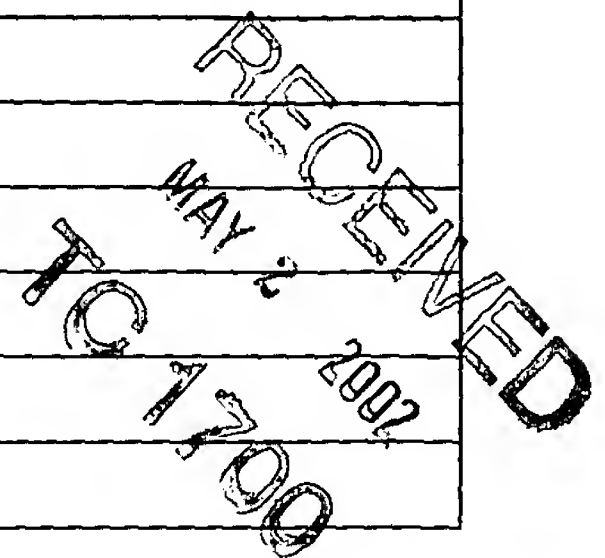
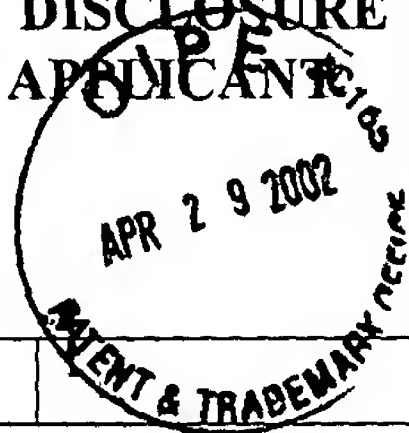
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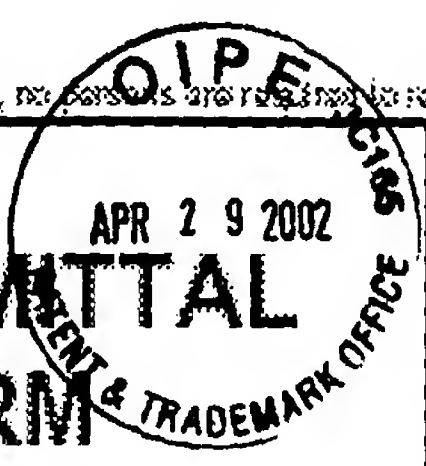
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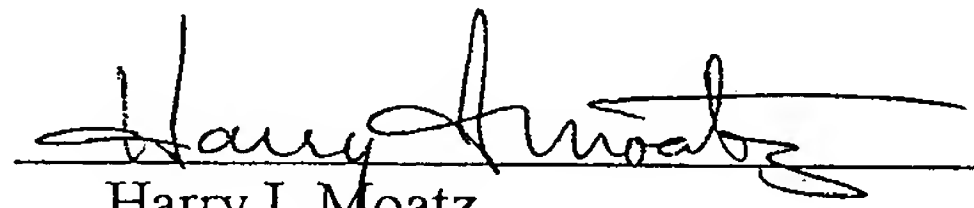
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